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SUBJECT: MODERNIZATION OF THE ECUADORIAN NAVY

REF: A. QUITO 4797 OF JULY 3, 1975. B. AMBASSADOR
BREWSTER'S LETTER OF 14 JULY 1975 TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ROGERS.

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO APPROACH GOE AND RESPOND TO ADMIRAL
POVEDA'S PROPOSAL FOR REORIENTATION OF THE ECUADORIAN
NAVY (EN), WITH ASSISTANCE OF US NAVY, ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES:

1. WE ARE READY TO ASSIST ARMED FORCES OF ECUADOR WITH
BOTH TRAINING AND MILITARY SALES. PRESIDENT'S ACTION JUNE
30 THIS YEAR AGAIN WAIVING FMS SANCTIONS, DESPITE ADVERSE
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REACTIONS RISKED BY SUCH DECISION, IS AN EARNEST INDICATION

OF OUR INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD.

2. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN OUR WELL-KNOWN DIFFERENCES OVER FISHERIES AND LOS MATTERS, DEVELOPMENTS GROWING OUT OF THESE DIFFERENCES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, AND CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC REACTIONS TO THESE DEVELOPMENTS, WE ARE LIMITED IN WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE TO THE ECUADORIAN NAVY.

3. WE ARE PREPARED, AS WE HAVE BEEN SINCE JANUARY 1974, TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR VARIOUS LEVELS OF THE EN. WE ARE PLEASED WITH RECENT INDICATIONS THAT THE EN MAY DESIRE SUCH TRAINING AND HOPE THE GOE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY OFFERED BY USN.

4. WITH RESPECT TO LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR EN FLEET UNITS, US NAVY IS PREPARED TO OPEN UP FMS DIRECT REQUISITIONING PROCEDURES FOR SHIP-RELATED SPARE AND REPAIR PARTS WHICH WOULD ENABLE GOE TO OBTAIN SUCH ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM US NAVY SUPPLY SYSTEM THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS CONTROL OFFICE, BAYONNE, N.J.

5. USN ALSO WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IN DEPTH WITH APPROPRIATE EN REPS FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- A. CONSTRUCTION OF NAVAL BASE
- B. EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING OF 1,000-1,500 MAN MARINE INFANTRY GROUP
- C. DEVELOPMENT OF EN AIR CAPABILITIES
- D. ESTABLISHMENT OF EN MISSION IN US

6. IN VIEW OF THE BROAD RANGE OF EXPERTISE REQUIRED TO DISCUSS EACH OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITY, IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE MORE USEFUL FOR ALL CONCERNED IF A DELEGATION OF EN OFFICERS VISITED THE UNITED STATES FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. US NAVY WOULD BE PREPARED, FOLLOWING SUCH DISCUSSIONS, TO CONSIDER SENDING A USN SURVEY TEAM TO ECUADOR.

7. AS GOE KNOWS, PROVISION OF US NAVY VESSELS IS DEPENDENT UPON (A) THEIR AVAILABILITY AND (B) CONGRESSIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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REVIEW OF SHIP TRANSFERS. GIVEN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES ALLUDED TO IN PARA 2 ABOVE, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO SUPPLY EN WITH VESSELS IT WISHES TO OBTAIN.

(FYI AND FOR USE AT YOUR DISCRETION, DOD HAS REVIEWED POVEDA'S SHIP REQUEST LIST IN PARA 5 REFTEL AND INFORMS DEPARTMENT AS FOLLOWS: A. DDS OF GEARING CLASS OR LATER -- NO DDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE NOR ARE ANY EXPECTED TO

BECOME AVAILABLE UNTIL FY 79; B. SMALL FLEET OILER (AO)
-- NONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AND NONE EXPECTED TO BECOME
AVAILABLE IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE; C. HYDROGRAPHIC BOAT
-- US NAVY IS CURRENTLY USING ALL SUCH BOATS IN ITS
INVENTORY AND NONE IS EXPECTED TO BECOME AVAILABLE IN
FORESEEABLE FUTURE, BUT USN CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN
LOCATING SUITABLE VESSEL FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES; D. LST
-- CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO TRANSFER OF USS SUTTER
COUNTY PRECLUDES SUCH ACTION AND VESSEL MUST BE DISPOSED
OF IMMEDIATELY; HOWEVER, US NAVY HAS LOCATED ANOTHER LST
IN
INACTIVE STATUS THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GOE WHEN
CONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER ARE MORE PROPITIOUS. END FYI.)

(FURTHER FYI, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT FOREIGN MILITARY
SALES ACT NOW REQUIRES ALL LETTERS OF OFFER OF 25 MILLION
DOLLARS OR MORE TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS FOR PRIOR RE-
VIEW; NEW AMENDMENTS TO FMSA WOULD LOWER THRESHOLD AND
REQUIRE AFFIRMATIVE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION FOR PRESENTATIONS
TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. THIS IS POTENTIAL SNAG FOR PRO-
GRAM OUTLINED ABOVE. IMPACT, OF COURSE, WILL DEPEND UPON
SCOPE OF OFFERS RESULTING FROM EN PROGRAM. END FYI.)

8. WE ARE EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY ADM.
POVEDA TO THE US. YOU WILL BE ADVISED ON THIS MATTER
SOON. SISCO

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